TV-Radio WEEK

DEC. 5-DEC. 11, 1957

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This Week's
TELEVISION
HIGHLIGHTS

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7.30 Thursday, Dec. 5

The first screening of the top-ranking

PERRY COMO SHOW

with Guest Stars

ETHEL MERMAN—GARRY MOORE

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8.00 Monday, Dec. 9

One hour of topline variety in the

STEVE ALLEN SHOW

with Guest Stars

GINGER ROGERS—LOU COSTELLO

HI-LOS—HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS

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The viewing's fine on CHANNEL NINE

TV-Radio WEEK . . . Teletype News

EVIE.—There's a whisper that the great, adored Evie Hayes ("Annie Get Your Gun," "Call Me Madam") will return to Australia in the New Year. Expect to see her on GTV Channel 9. Maybe in a daytime show of her own.

HONEYMOON.—That couple on our front cover, who will be honeymooning next week, are slated to return by helicopter, slap bang into the middle of their jobs. That's because Ansett-A.N.A. has organised the televising of "In Melbourne Today" to take place that day (Dec. 14) at Essendon airport.

EULA.—Guess who else happens to be arriving at Essendon that morning? None other than Eula Parker (remember her in the original Happy Gang?) returning on a six-weeks' holiday from her successes in England. And if that TV camera doesn't catch Eula as she steps from the plane, we'll be disappointed. And if Eula doesn't burst into song right there and then, GTV will be disappointed, too.

THE BLOKE.—Sensation of Sydney is a run-through by J.C.W. artists of a musical version of "The Sentimental Bloke," C. J. Dennis's famed story in verse. If all goes right, it could be launched at Her Majesty's, Melbourne, in June, with William Newman (star of "The Pajama Game") as the Bloke.

NEW SHOWS.—Two exciting new shows that have been on the HSV-7 secret list are "Cheyenne," a full-hour series that has been a sensation in America, and "Circus Boy," described as "a winner for all children up to the age of 80." Both will be on your screens soon.

LOOK WHO'S DESCRIBING THE AMATEURS!—Lew Hoad and Ken Rosewall will do Davis Cup commentories for 3AW listeners. These former Davis Cup heroes will now cast a professional eye on the form of their amateur mates. Ted Schroeder, the famous Ted Harris, and Tony Charlton, also booked for 3AW coverage. Maybe "the twins" will have a GTV-9 appearance, too.

And Rex Hartwig will describe Cup play day-to-day for 3XY fans.

Other tennis notables engaged: Jack Kramer (GTV-9), Pancho Gonzales (HSV-7 and 3DB), John Bromwich (Federation).

FOR CHRISTMAS.—Watch for a novelty on Christmas Night. There are plans to televise a complete (two-hours') performance of the musical version of "Peter Pan" from the Princess Theatre. The show doesn't start public performances until the following day, and this would be the first time ever that a big stage production has been televised before the opening. It was this same version of "Peter Pan" that made a sensation when it was televised in New York with Mary Martin and Australian Cyril Richard in the principal roles Sounds like the perfect fare for your Christmas viewing.

RESHUFFLE.—Expect soon the biggest reshuffle of TV sponsorships yet. It might concern HSV-7's Disneyland for which, at present, General Motors-Holdens foots the bill.

NIGHT BEAT.—That entertaining 3AW series continues Saturday at 9 p.m. with "Duchess For A Day"—about the hoodlums and gangsters who call a truce to help an old woman regain her former pride.

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Here We Are, And.... Here's To You!

HERE we are—Victoria's first magazine devoted to television and radio. It gives you the complete week's programmes set out in a manner which enables you to find them quickly at any time. And it gives you all the news that will help to make your viewing and listening more enjoyable.

This is a magazine that will rest nicely on your set and always be at hand without getting untidy. And it will fit perfectly into the glove-box of your car if you have a car radio and want the programmes.

Our purpose is to give you precisely the information you need—a well-balanced survey of what's going on in radio and television, set out in a manner that is clear and convenient.

We aim to be at your service, and we will value your comments and suggestions. We wish you enjoyment with your listening and viewing; and we trust that this magazine will become an established part of that enjoyment. Thank you. And here's to you!

THE EDITORS

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ON THE BEAM

WITH BRUCE SKEGGS

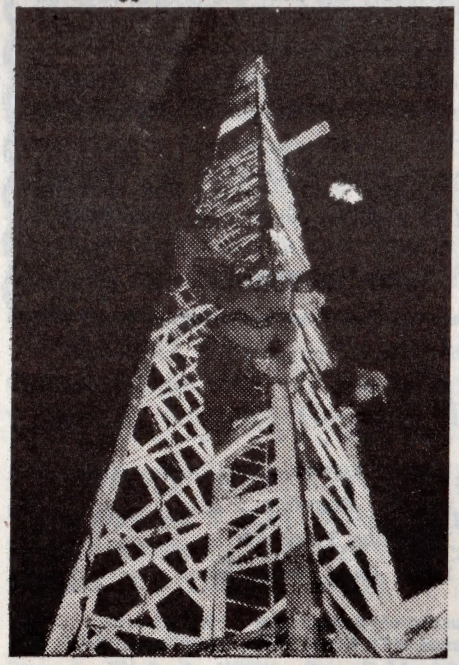
World Record Claimed For UZ's New Tower

STATION 3UZ has completed its new antenna system in a record-breaking final gallop. General Manager Mr. Lewis Bennett says that, from this week on, 3UZ will have better quality and wider coverage than ever before.

Last February while adjustments were being made to supporting stays, the top section of the tower crashed to the ground. Then there was a long delay in replacing the damaged section.

Five weeks ago Ascom, the structural engineers, took over reconstruction and re-assembly of the partly-completed mast at Heidelberg.

Their riggers rebuilt 155 feet of the 465 feet mast in seven working days, which is claimed as a world record. To make this possible, Italian riggers worked day and night.



Melbourne weather conditions in October and November are unsuitable for work at any great height. It was therefore necessary for the team of five riggers to stand by and go into action immediately favorable weather prevailed. Eighty per cent. of the work was done after sunset.

To enable them to work at night, 3UZ's Chief Engineer, Bill Virgona, installed four banks of floodlights each of 1,000 watts at various heights on the tower. In addition, 2,000 watts floods were used to illuminate the ground area.

Ascom's managing-director, G. R. Zambelli, and his foreman directed operation from the ground by means of a field telephone, and in many cases the workmen had their meals sent up on the winch cable to eliminate loss of time.

Chataway again

FAMOUS British mile-runner, CHRIS CHATAWAY, one of the featured personalities interviewed on Channel Two when national television was introduced to Victoria in November, 1956, returns this Friday night at 9 p.m. in AWAY FROM IT ALL, from ABV-2

Since returning to England, Chataway has filmed a series of programmes for the B.B.C. in which he sets out to find what life is like today in the quiet British Isles.

For Friday's series he boarded one of the last of the old sailing barges at Greenhythe and went down the Thames from London to various parts of the Essex coast, where he met fishermen, oystermen, prawners, wild fowlers, poachers and others.

In addition to being famed as a runner, Chris Chataway is well known on B.B.C. television. He has been a news commentator and has appeared in the English television programmes Panorama and Give And Take.

WEDDING OF THE WEEK

TWO of television's best-known stars will be married on Saturday. They are, of course, Val Ruff and Geoff Corke, both of Channel 9's famous younger brigade.

Geoff Corke has been a star since the days when Channel 9 was merely testing. He appeared on some experimental programmes and got such a fan mail as left GTV with no doubts that it had found a winner. And Miss Ruff has been a favorite since she first was seen in "In Melbourne Tonight."

Saturday's wedding will be at the Littlejohn Memorial Chapel, Scotch College, at 1 p.m.—an hour chosen, by the way, when studio staff and cameramen will be free to attend.

Best man will be Graham Kennedy; Miss Josie Pittman the bridesmaid.

Mr. Nice Guy

PERRY Como, known everywhere in the United States as "Mr. Nice Guy," comes to GTV-9 this Thursday at 7.30 p.m. His Perry Como Show is top-rating entertainment in America.

Every week this full hour's show has guest stars. For Thursday's opening, we will see the great ETHEL MERMAN, star of stage and screen. Later guests will include PEARL BAILEY, TONY BENNETT, DIANA DORS, BENNY GOODMAN, ANDY WILLIAMS and ROY ROGERS.

Other artists joining Perry Como and Ethel Merman on Thursday will be the comedy marionettes Kukla, Fran and Olliw, and comedian Gary Moore.

Elaborate sets, a chorus of 20, a ballet of 1 long with the backing of a full orchestra will combine to bring Melbourne viewers one of the most spectacular musicales yet seen on local TV.

Perry Como sings at least eight songs in each show and in a special segment, Dear Mr. Como, he sings viewers' requests.

Western Battle

ALL over the world television audiences have been shown to have an untiring appetite for the blood. thunder and violence that only the Old West can give us . . .

And now it looks as if we are going to have a battle of the Westerns in Victoria.

HSV-7 began it with the excellent series, Gunsmoke (Sundays at 9 p.m.).

This is a first-rate series, filmed specially for television.

Now GTV-9 comes up with TWO top-line Westerns for weekly viewing . . . but these are westerns with a difference.

They have been factually compiled from newspaper files and the diary of a famous frontier marshal's exploits—and make no mistake, the word FACT cannot often be associated with Westerns.

But the belch of every gun and the whine of every flaming arrow will have a factful origin when Channel 9 beams the initial telecasts of Tombstone Territory on Tuesday at 9 p.m. and Wyatt Earp on Wednesday at 8 p.m.

So get set for an unprecedented run of villainous plots and screaming vengeance—you'll almost be able to smell the gunpowder in your sitting rooms.

HUGH O'BRIAN revels in the role of the famous Western marshal, WYATT EARP, whose reputation as a relentless enforcer of the law was almost without equal in the blood-spattered annals of America's Old West.

These stories are compiled from factual incidents in his life.

For Tombstone Territory, all stories were taken from the original files of the Tombstone newspaper and are guaranteed factual. The show stars PAT CONWAY as the sheriff of the rustler-corrupted territory around Tombstone.

Mutton birds

A FILM made on Flinders Island will hold fascination for wild life enthusiasts when the Mutton Birds of Bass Strait are televised on Channel 2 on Friday at 9.30 p.m. in the series devoted to Australian Wild Life.

With Peter Dell, of the A.B.C's Rural Section to act as guide, viewers look over nests in burrows on the island. The birds are later seen leaving them after their young are hatched, and returning to them again after months on the wing over the Pacific.

John Markham produces the programme.

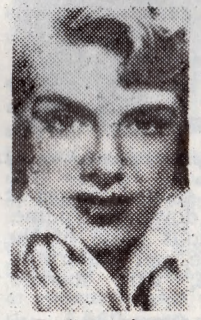
Happy Birthday

THIS week 3DB's The Happy Gang celebrates its Fourth Birthday programme by cutting up and distributing to members of the audience the huge birthday cake which has been featured in the window of Newspaper House.

Entertainers who have appeared in the show received invitations for the anniversary and to participate in the competition to estimate the weight of the cake.

Tennessee Ernie

FAMED guitar-strumming folk-singer, "TENNESSEE ERNIE" FORD will be seen on GTV-9 this Sunday at 9.30 p.m. as one of the stars in the initial presentation of the Rosemary Clooney Show.



Miss Clooney, who is enjoying the pinnacle of success in the recording world, has also several successful movies behind her; but her TV show is easily her best money-spinner.

The version to be seen each Sunday night by Channel 9 viewers is in the top bracket of American TV musicals. The fact that the Rosemary Clooney show is telecast to Melbourne audiences within 60 days of its recording in the U.S. ensures its topicality.

JOSE FERRER, husband of Rosemary Clooney, is to team with his wife in an early presentation of her show and other big-name stars booked to appear include JANET LEIGH, and dubby TONY CURTIS, GUY MITCHELL, JULIE LONDON and veteran CHARLES COBURN.

Rosemary Clooney treats a variety of evergreen popular songs and latest hits in her own inimitable style, and in a special number she is joined by the top American vocal group, The Hi-Los, and by Tennessee Ernie with the big band backing of Nelson Riddle.

This Sunday, Tennessee Ernie will feature My Blue Heaven, Ain't We Got Fun and Up The Lazy River.

THIS WEEK'S GIVEAWAY

LES JOHNS and JON ROYCE, of 3XY, with the car which will be the prize in their quiz contest, for which the finals are being held this week. They will be heard at 11 a.m. on Friday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and next Thursday. Grand final is on December 13 at the same hour.

JUNE IN JANUARY

JUNE FINLAYSON, lovely Miss Australia of 1956-57, will make her TV debut in January, when she will become hostess at GTV-9. Miss Finlayson is one of the great beauties of the day and tests have shown that her personality comes through the television cameras perfectly. There will be a warm welcome for June in January.

RHYTHM ON 3AR

PIANIST ARTHUR YOUNG rehearses with his Young Men of Music ensemble for their next broadcast—Tuesday at 8.15 p.m. from 3AR.

"Raising a Husband" raises £30,000 for charities

TOP 3XY personality, ALWYN KURTS. is noted for the razor-sharp wit he displays both on and off the air.

"What," I asked of Alwyn, "keeps you so keen?"

His reply, "Competing for a laugh with husbands for over 15 years in Raising A Husband. Believe me, you've got to be keen to out-wit the cynical quips of long-suffering husbands.".

But give a husband, take a husband, Alwyn will tell you that the big 3XY feature has been his best publicity friend since he hit Melbourne radio 15 years ago.

The show was originated at 3XY in 1942 with Kurts as compere, and it has out-distanced all other radio novelty programmes of its type and it's my guess that listeners will continue to chuckle at the weekly antics of "Husband's" matrimonial mirthmakers for as long as husbands and wives are in vogue.

For say what you like about Raising A Husband—and everybody at 3XY will tell you that it has its critics and always will—it is a programme that explores the entire "nature of the beast" . . . the beast in this case, being the husband.

And as long as husbands are henpecked and wives can enjoy it, even the dryest listener will not be able to hold back a chuckle at the mirror of human nature. which "Husband" represents.

It takes a husband, pats him on the back, wheedles little confessions from his "inner-sanctum," agrees with him and congratulates him. Then—bingo—the husband's "better half" appears—and it is Alwyn's gleeful duty to hammer poor Poppa back into his box

When a spouse is being interviewed on the programme, his or her "better half" is "kept in the dark" as to what's being said by being kept in a sound proof room.

But, despite the fact that every now and then some husband or another makes a controversial appearance and 3XY is subjected to a barrage of indignant righteousness, Raising A Husband will always have a soft spot in the hearts of the charitable.

For charity is the session's proudest boast—in the 15 years since its inception it has been responsible for raising over £30,000 for local charities.

Suburban Halls

Raising A Husband, together with another 3XY feature show, Talent Tote, is conducted at various suburban halls throughout the year.

These suburban venues include kindergarten and school halls, parish halls, schools, concert and theatre halls, masonic halls, R.S.L. halls, mechanic's institutes, youth centres, Club houses and Fire Brigade halls. In each case, the appropriate hall authorities provide the three married couples for Raising A Husband and they, in turn, are rewarded with useful home gifts, with a special prize for the most amusing couple of the night.

"As with the hall—so with the audience," says Alwyn, "we get the true cross-section of public response for these shows in this manner."

"I can manage the girls," says Alwyn, "but husbands are a funny race." On more than one occasion he has been put on what was virtually the radio "hot-spot" by a "fighting" husband who is determined to counteract his wife's aspersions. That is when Alwyn calls upon quick, natural wit to carry him through. But Alwyn knows that some husbands just won't give in . . . they'll go one better even after Alwyn has come up with one of his "monties" that usually settles the issue.

Beat This!

"For instance," says Alwyn, "how could you beat this?"

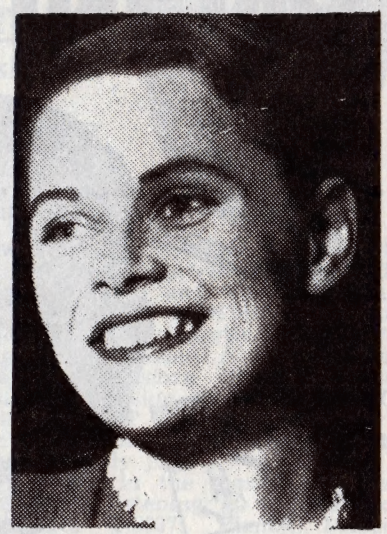
Alwyn: "What is your wife's most annoying habit?"

Husband (by now cornered and anxious for vengeance): "She breathes!"

Alwyn couldn't beat that . . . but little wifey would know what to do with hubby at breakfast next morning.

Raising A Husband has now become a TV programme and the televising of that feature marked the TV debut of Alwyn Kurts, who, at 43, is a radio veteran.

Judy Jack Joins ABV



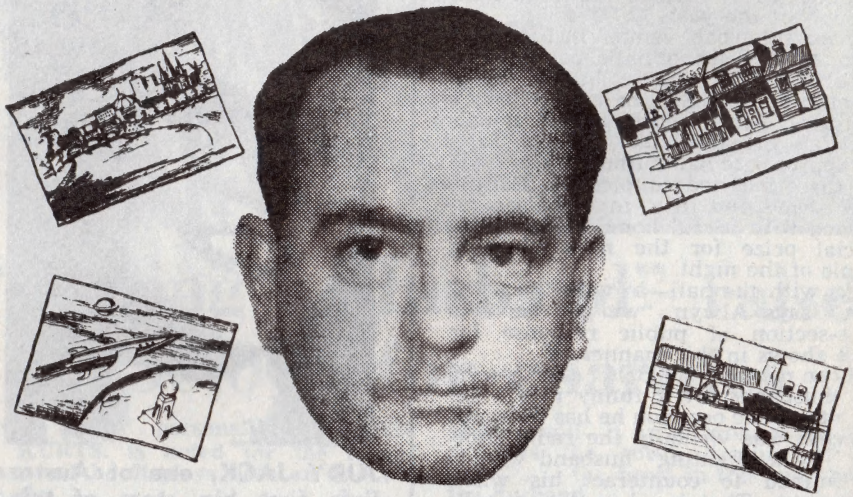
JUDY JACK, one of Australia's first big stars of television, is to conduct the children's session on ABV Channel 2, beginning next Sunday.

She will present the programme from the A.B.C's Ripponlea television studios on five days a week from 5 p.m. to 5.30.

Channel 2's big scoop was revealed when Mr. C. C. Wicks, Acting-Manager for the A.B.C. in Victoria, announced that Miss Jack had been placed under contract.

Judy Jack inaugurated the children's session on HSV7 and the "Judy Jack Show" was one of the first name programmes to win prominence in Victorian TV. Her parting with the station early last month came as a shock to many youthful admirers.

JOHN PACINI RETURNS TO 3UZ



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On the greater 3UZ

SPINNING The DISCS IN THE MODERN MANNER WITH GTV-9's HAL TODD

MAY I SAY WELCOME TO MY SECTION ON POPULAR RECORDS.

My first call this week was on volatile Harry Sutcliffe of Coronet to verify the whisper on the tie-up, vocally speaking, of Johnny Ray and Frankie Laine. Of course, Coronet were right again and the results are well worthy of your consideration.

Top billing goes to UP ABOVE MY HEAD, with honors to the flip GOOD MORNING FRIENDS. Old timers will remember familiar bars of this one as the basis of another extra some years prior to the last war. Overall, a very neat 45 platter on Coronet K.S. 183.

Another Coronet surprise is the Tony Bennet vocal of CA, C'EST L'AMOUR from Cole Porter's LES GIRLS. Orchestral backing comes from Neal Hefti, and the combining results of the neat vocal and the solid orchestration leaves nothing to be desired. Look for this 45 platter, No. K.S. 200.

Another easy-on-the-ears rendition of CA C'EST L'AMOUR comes from Tina Robin on Coral 45 No. C.S.P. 45-1639. Not in the same class as Tony Bennet's version, but the flip of this one is a bobby dazzler. Mort Carson's orchestra backs Tina in a test version of NEVER IN A MILLION YEARS.

I've heard enough of AROUND THE WORLD IN 80 DAYS to drive me to a state of Hi-Fi, but I do enjoy the latest, and probably the last, version of this catchy melody on Prestige 45 P.S.P. 1058.

It's a foot-tapper and there's your winning margin. Big Al Sears with instrumental and rhythm accompaniment concentrates on electric guitar and bass, and leaves the vocal to the other recording companies. A mighty effort in a bouncy dance tempo, with the flip FASCINATION hitting a neat beat for reticent rug cutters.

Patsy Cline caught my ears on Festival 45 S.P. 1620. A comparatively new voice to the other waves, Patsy hits the high spots with A STRANGER IN MY ARMS and THREE CIGARETTES IN AN ASHTRAY. A good ashtray for my cigarette would be the Parlaphone Standard A. 7962, featuring the Basil Kirchen Band and their squealing version of WAITING FOR THE ROBERT E. LEE. The vocal by the Moonbeams on the flip saves the day—but only just.

If you're in the market for some really easy listening, go for the Decca Standard, Y 6937. Pianist Princess Winifred Attwell, with a very nice backing from Cyril Stapleton and orchestra delights your listening with a bang-on interpretation of HOPE WALTZ and STREETS OF SORRENTO. This one is a must for your library.

Without a musical doubt, Verve have a nerve keeping Miss Sam Stanley away from us for so long. This Miss has not a great voice, but what a personalised show-woman. And with Nick Noble abetting in no mean manner, Miss Sam Stanley presents an absorbing study of a robust entrepreneur. The flip is A HUNDRED YEARS FROM TODAY, but who cares. Miss Sam is it, it and it! A Verve 45 No. 5044 A.

Nick Noble gets around to the new Mercury 45 Standard series No. 45186 to give us the song swamping the U.S.A. at the moment, called MOONLIGHT SWIM—this is a melody on the move. Heard it first time on Channel 9's Monday night Steve Allen show, but Nick's version is smoother.

STARS OF THE WEEK

JOHN DEASE, family man, takes a rest from his famous Quiz Kids to relax at home with his own youngsters, John 7, Jeffrey 2, and Cally 5, while wife, KURA listens in the background. John is having the end of his 16th year with the Quiz Kids show, which is heard on Sunday nights from 3AW. Wednesday nights he is host in The General Motors Hour.

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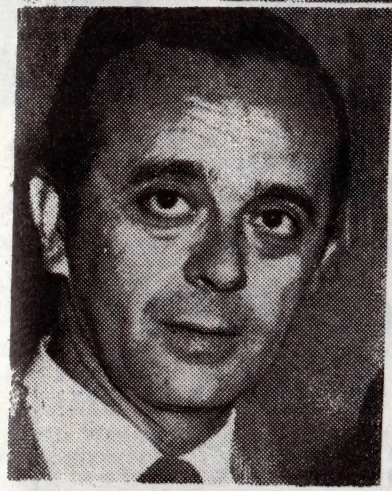

LARRY ADLER, back in Australia with his harmonica for A.B.C. concerts and (right) CORINNE KERBY, ABV2 announcer, with the studio cat at Ripponlea which sometimes goes on television with her. Puss is famous with viewers because of the way she so frequently breaks into the act.

"BEST WAY to clean your ears, my lad," says sister Janie to a protesting Ashleigh as the two Dutton children in Life With Dexter, the hilarious 3AW Show heard on Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Janie's instrument of torture is a special type of dish-washer.

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COUNTRY LISTENING

TEN TOWNS TALENT VOTES TOPPED MILLION

● CHARLES WEYMOUTH is seen before the Ten Towns Talent microphone at the Swan Hill Town Hall with runners-up in the contest, the Barham Rhythm Kings, who recorded 61 thousand votes. One million votes were recorded for the entire prgoramme.

ADDRESS IS KNOWN TO 3SR-3YB FANS

The famous series from the Missing Persons' Bureau—Address Unknown, has just returned to Stations 3SR/3YB. Address Unknown features factual cases dramatised in the files of the missing persons' bureau. The programme is heard at 9 p.m., Friday Night, on 3YB, and 9.30 p.m., Thursday night, on 3SR.

Prize offer on 3YB

3YB's Wednesday night at 9.30 feature, Opportunity Used Cars, will include a new highlight. A £25 deposit in the form of a voucher, PLUS a 2-guinea cash prize is offered to the winner of the competition Operation Treasure Hunt. This attractive adjunct makes the entering of this weekly competition very worth while. Idea is to guess where compere Ross Lewis is situated after a series of clues. Ross is Service Manager at the sponsor's service station, and the "hunt" always commences in front of that establishment.

They're back again

Stations 3SR/3YB/3UL made history recently when they returned to their listeners the perennial favorites Dad and Dave. This essential country programme portrays all the humor and human appeal of the late George Edwards at his peak.

40-year hit parade

Every Saturday afternoon, between one and five, stations 3SR, 3YB and 3UL introduce five hours of radio's best musical entertainment in The Forty-Year Hit Parade. The years from 1917 to 1957 are reviewed with news that hit the headlines and the top hits of each particular year.

A.B.S. HARMONY TRAIL STARS ON 3SR

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● "Harmony Trail," produced by 3SR's Neville Kellitt, features hillbilly singers from all States of Australia. Margaret and Kaye Hickey (left) star weekly in Harmony Trail, heard on 3SR, 3YB and 3UL.

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3SH WHEELBARROW RACE

In conjunction with the 3SH Annual Hospital Appeal, studio manager Charles Weymouth is busy organising Swan Hill's "Greatest Ever" Wheelbarrow Race, to be run on Friday, December 13. The race is to be run over the distance of one block.

Each morning, just after seven, breakfast announcer Jim Hilcke and copywriter John Crook take their listeners to an actual on-the-spot training run at a secret course.

These boys, representing 3SH, are determined to win, but there is one obstacle. At the course each morning, the boys seem to run into an elderly gentleman who goes out of his way to time them over the course.

The boys have been wondering whether he is genuine in his actions—or whether he is a spy sent by one of the many rival teams.

During the pre-publicity of this 1957 Wheelbarrow Race, 3SH takes their microphone to the various courses and rival camps of other competitors to bring their listeners an on-the-spot description in serial form each morning between 7.00 and 7.30.

● SEEN PRACTISING for Swan Hill's 1957 Wheelbarrow Race are announcers, JIM HILCKE and JOHN CROOK, with CHARLES WEYMOUTH as Timekeeper and Spy, at one of Swan Hill's parks, in the early hours of the morning.

3XY

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Good Wishes to
"TV-Radio WEEK,"
and hopes that Readers
will have Many Hours of
Happy Listening with
Victoria's Only
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TELEVISION THURSDAY

1.0 9 **THURSDAY AT ONE—Binnie Lum** (60 mins.). Housewives shopping, dressmaking, recipes, hints. Good prizes.

3.15 2 **WOMAN'S WORLD** (45 mins.) "Summer Fashions". Joy Wren, Joan Melwitt.

4.0 2 **KINDERGARTEN PLAYTIME** (15 mins.) Ann Roberts, Gumpy the koala.

5.0 2 **CHILDREN'S TV CLUB** (30 mins.) Diana, Barbara, Ross, and Barry sing, Rod Murdoch on games, Vija Vetra dances, Mike the ventriloquist.

5.15 9 **TARAX HAPPY SHOW** (60 mins.). Happy Hammond, Ron Blaskett, and Gerry Gee.

7 **YOUNG SEVEN** (53 mins.) Don Bennetts, games, songs, and fun.

6.8 7 **MICKEY MOUSE CLUB** (45 mins.) Mouseketeers, serial, cartoon.

6.15 9 **RAMAR OF THE JUNGLE** (30 mins.) "Evil Trek." A medical doctor treks into Africa in search of the legendary White Goddess.

6.45 9 **NEWS—WEATHER** (15 mins.) Eric Pearce, Prof. Browne's Study.

6.53 7 **NEWS AND WEATHER** (7 mins.)

7.0 9 **FRONTIER DOCTOR** (30 mins.) "Trouble In Paradise Valley". Rex Allen as Dr. Bill Baxter. People trekking west become prey of crooks with worthless land and stock.

7 **HOPALONG CASSIDY** (30 mins.) "Double Trouble". Hoppy finds a man's best friend is not his knife, when the Sheriff finds it stuck in some one else's back.

2 **NEWS—WEATHER** (25 mins.)

7.25 2 **STARTIME** (5 mins.) Popular stars.

7.30 9 **PERRY COMO SHOW** (30 mins.) Award winning musical show.

7 **PASSPORT TO DANGER** (30 mins.) "Johannesburg," Cesar Romero's task of helping a beautiful girl protect a priceless diamond.

2 **JOHNNY GREDULA SHOW** (30 mins.) Hawaiian melodies, Hula dancer Maisie Latani.

8.0 7 **AUSTRALIA'S AMATEUR HOUR** (30 mins.) Terry Dear. Half hour of national talent.

2 **PARAGON PLAYHOUSE** (30 mins.) "Death of Michael Turebin." Political intrigue in a communist country as a group of prisoners face a firing squad.

8.30 9 **SUSIE** (30 mins.) "One Bewitching Hour." Susie's bos sbreaks a date to take her to baritone Zilio Gorda's farewell concert.

7 **THURSDAY NIGHT THEATRE** (30 mins.) "The Reign of Melika Joe."

2 **INTERNATIONAL SCENE** (15 mins.) Creighton Burns. International events.

8.45 2 **BELLES DE FRANCE** (15 mins.)

9.0 9 **MYSTERY THEATRE** (30 mins.) "Fashions of Death". A fashion designer, planning to sell illicit photos of forthcoming Paris fashions to the highest bidder, meets his death when his plans backfire.

7 **YOUR HIT PARADE** (30 mins.) Joan Bilceaux, Bernadette Russell, Don Bennetts, Don Carter, John D'arcy, Hit Parade Dancers.

2 **ELLERY QUEEN** (30 mins.) College girls on a geology excursion connive perfect crime to baffle even the great Ellery Queen.

9.30 9 **RAISING A HUSBAND** (30 mins.) Alwyn Kurts interviews three married couples to discover the week's most "human" husband.

7 **SAN FRANCISCO BEAT** (30 mins.) "China Town". Greb and Guthrie in "crash opening."

2 **THE HANDYMAN** (30 mins.) Painter Clarrie Bravo, and carpenter Peter Melbourne, demonstrate making, painting of wooden toys.

10.0 9 **IN MELBOURNE TONIGHT** (95 mins.) Graham Kennedy, Geoff Corke, Val Ruff, then **NEWS, EPILOGUE.**

7.30 7 **THE LATE SHOW** (60 mins.) Bert Newton, live variety, Lou Toppano's band, singers, actors.

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Television Tonight

7.30—PERRY COMO SHOW

TELEVISION FRIDAY

12.30 2 **DEMONSTRATION FILM** (30 mins.)

3.30 2 **LIFE OF RILEY** (30 mins.) William Bendix.

5.0 2 **CHILDREN'S TV CLUB** (40 mins.) "Range Rider," disguised as a gunman, joins outlaw gang.

5.15 9 **TARAX HAPPY SHOW** (60 mins.) Happy Hammond, Ron Blaskett and Gerry Gee. "Visits to the Zoo." terrorising the villagers.

7 **YOUNG SEVEN** (45 mins.) Don Bennetts, "Castaways on Coral Island."

6.0 7 **MICKEY MOUSE CLUB** (45 mins.) Newsreel, Mouseketeers, serial cartoon

6.15 9 **SIR LANCELOT** (25 mins.) "Lesser Breed. Sir Lancelot investigates a mysterious two-headed sea monster

6.40 9 **NEWS—WEATHER** (20 mins.) Roland Strong, Prof. Browne's Study.

6.45 7 **GREENFINGERS** (8 mins.) Gardening hints.

6.53 7 **NEWS—WEATHER** (7 mins.)

7.0 9 **KIT CARSON** (30 mins.) "Outlaw's Justice". Trouble over financing of a road project. Kit Carson prevents blowing-up of the town.

7 **JUNGLE JIM** (45 mins.) Blood Money **TEXAS RANGERS** "Black Eyes of Texas."

2 **NEWS—WEATHER** (18 mins.)

7.18 2 **MOVIE MUSEUM** (12 mins.) Wallace Beery in early Mack Sennett film—"Blind Love."

7.30 9 **THE RAY MILLAND SHOW** (30 mins.) "Battle of the Sexes". Peggy, determined that a woman should be on the school board, takes part in the election campaign against Ray's wishes.

2 **FRANKIE LAINE SHOW** (30 mins.) with vivacious Connie Haines and spectacular variety act.

7.45 7 **SPORTS TALK** (15 mins.) Bill Collins.

8.0 9 **JACK DAVEY'S PRESSURE PAK SHOW** (30 mins.) Popular quiz programme, wonderful prizes.

7 **CELEBRITY THEATRE** (30 mins.) "Wedding March."

2 **SHERLOCK HOLMES** (30 mins.) Boys' school headmaster meets death after his name is written on village church steps by a sleepwalking pupil.

8.30 9 **A.E.I. THEATRE** (30 mins.) "The Finishers". Peter Lorre as a baker who performs mysterious missions at odd times.

7 **DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS PRESENTS** (30 mins.) "Counterfeit." Effects of peace time on two men who were war comrades.

2 **WAR IN THE AIR** (30 mins.) Final programme showing development of the war plane from the first to the second World War, and newest weapons.

9.0 9 **ALFRED HITCHCOCK PRESENTS** (30 mins.) "Three Dreams of Mr. Findlater". To escape from his wife's nagging, Mr. Findlater daydreams, these get out of hand.

7 **HAPPY GANG** (30 mins.) Variety—Bill, John, Dick Marie.

2 **AWAY FROM IT ALL—IN THE BACKWATERS** (30 mins.) British mile runner, Chris Chataway, in the forgotten parts of the British Isles.

9.30 9 **IN MELBOURNE TONIGHT** (60 mins.) Graham Kennedy, Geoff Corke, Val Ruff, Lee Gallagher.

2 **AUSTRALIAN WILD LIFE** (30 mins.) "Mutton Birds of Bass Strait."

10.0 7 **RACKET SQUAD** (30 mins.)

10.30 9 **NEWS** (15 mins.) Eric Pearce

7 **BEAUTY IS MY BUSINESS** (15 mins.) Mary Parker.

10.45 9 **NIGHT OWL THEATRE** (90 mins.) "Elephant Boy." Sabu in Rudyard Kipling's famous story of a young elephant boy.

12.15 9 **EPILOGUE**

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Television Tonight

5.15—TARAX HAPPY SHOW

TELEVISION SATURDAY

7.30 9 **IN MELBOURNE TODAY** (3 Hrs.) Geoff Corke's breakfast session. Tune Twisters, Lee Gallagher and Shirley Radford, organ, News bulletins, Eric Pearce, sport news from Eric Welsh.

2.0 2 **INTERSTATE ATHLETICS** (3 hrs.) Direct telecast of the Interstate Athletics meeting from Olympic Park.

5.45 7 **CAVALCADE OF SPORT** (15 mins.) Bill Collins comments on days of sport.

6.0 9 **WILD BILL HICKOK** (30 mins.) "Pawnee Treaty". Death of a gold prospector and pony express rider by Indian arrows, turn angry settlers against the Pawnee tribe.

7 **PETERS FUN FAIR** (30 mins.) Clowns, Zig and Zag.

6.30 9 **NEWS, SPORT ROUND-UP** (30 mins.)

7 **SWALLOW'S JUNIORS** (30 mins.)

7.0 9 **WATERFRONT** (30 mins.) "Farnum's Folly." Tempers rise when a shipping tycoon announces to men of the Seamen's Home that he will build a 20 storey building on their present site.

7 **BENGAL LANCERS** (30 mins.)

2 **NEWS, WEATHER** (15 mins.)

7.15 2 **LIBERACE** (25 mins.)

7.30 9 **DO YOU TRUST YOUR WIFE?** (30 mins.) Ventriloquist Don Blaskett interviews three married couples

7 **PEOPLE ARE FUNNY** (30 mins.) Art Linkletter conducts great audience participation quiz programme.

7.40 2 **SPORTS REVIEW** (20 mins.) Ray McDonald, Joe Brown cover main sport events of the day. Films of the two main Melbourne races. Highlights of previous night's boxing from West Melbourne Stadium.

8.0 9 **BOB DYER'S PICK-A-BOX** (30 mins.) Tension rises with the price as Bob Dyer offers "The Money or the Box."

7 **COUNT OF MONTE CRISTO** (30 mins.)

2 **ADAM HAD FOUR SONS** (80 mins.) Ingrid Bergman, Susan Hayward, Warner Baxter. Devoted governess finds her role as substitute mother to Adam's sons when children and later as men were full of problems.

8.30 9 **DARRODS ONE-HOUR THEATRE** (60 mins.) "Mr. District Attorney." Afraid his wife is going insane, a husband asks the help of the D.A. **MANNEQUIN PARADE CROSSCURRENT.** "Dynamite." Underworld mystery.

7 **TO BE ANNOUNCED** (30 mins.)

9.0 7 **FEATURE FILM** (90 mins.)

9.20 2 **NETWORK** (10 mins.) Survey of the Electricity Commission's services.

9.30 9 **TROTTING & JUKE BOX SATURDAY NIGHT** (90 mins.) Trots from the Show Grounds and top-line variety entertainment.

2 **SUMMER IN DUBROVNIK** (90 mins.) Film of Festival of Drama, Opera, Ballet, Music and Folk-dancing, held annually at Dubrovnik, islands on the adriatic coast.

9.30 7 **NEWS** (7 mins.)

10.37 7 **WRESTLING ON FILM** (23 mins.) World's top mat men—Hollywood Legion Stadium.

11.0 9 **BOSTON BLACKIE** (30 mins.) Blackie unravels a mysterious accident involving drug stealing.

11.30 9 **JOHN CASSON—EPILOGUE** (5 mins.)

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Television Tonight

9.30—TROTTING

TELEVISION SUNDAY

11.0 2 **DIVINE SERVICE—Methodist Church, Brighton Beach** (75 mins.)

4.45 9 **OPEN HOUSE** (60 mins.) Jim Wood, Jane Edwards, Peter Lunn

5.0 7 **FAITH FOR TODAY** (30 mins.)

2 **CHILDREN'S FILM CLUB—Judy Jack** (20 mins.)

5.20 2 **STORIES OF JESUS—for children** (10 mins.)

5.30 7 **HANDYMAN** (15 mins.) Jack Easton.

2 **ZOO QUEST** (30 mins.) Search of a Dragon.

5.45 9 **CHRISTIAN SCIENCE HEALS** (15 mins.)

7 **COMEDY TIME** (15 mins.)

6.0 9 **WESTERN THEATRE** (55 mins.) "Santa Fe Scouts." Three Mesquiters save their employer's son from a murder frame-up.

7 **HOPALONG CASSIDY** (30 mins.)

6.30 7 **FUN WITH CHARADES** (30 mins.)

6.55 9 **HEADLINE NEWS** (5 mins.) R. Strong

7.0 9 **BUCCANEERS** (30 mins.) "Dangerous Cargo." Dan Tempest keeps a secret rendezvous with the Royal Navy to pick up a mysterious passenger.

7 **ROBIN HOOD** (30 mins.)

2 **WEEK-END MAGAZINE** (30 mins.) Newsreels.

7.30 9 **LEAVE IT TO BEAVER** (30 mins.) Family comedy through the eyes of two young children.

7 **FEATURE FILM** (90 mins.) To be announced.

7.30 2 **LIFE WITH ELIZABETH** (30 mins.) Alvin finds in the bus; Elizabeth buys a Javanese figure — Alvin strongly objects; fun when Alvin and Richard move furniture.

8.0 9 **CALTEX THEATRE** (90 mins.) "Dodge City," Errol Flynn as the man who kept law and order in the tough and lawless town of Dodge City.

2 **ASSIGNMENT FOREIGN LEGION** (30 mins.) A judge sentences three Mafia leaders to death, and as retribution the Mafia decree that on the date of the execution each year, a member of the judge's family will die.

8.30 2 **MY HERO** (30 mins.) Robert Cummings as Bob Beanblossom. A huge fee charged for photographing real estate for Beanblossom's boss, Mr. Thackery, brings trouble and fun.

9.0 7 **GUNSMOKE** (30 mins.) Top Western

2 **BURIED TREASURE** (30 mins.) Etruscans — archaeological films — northern and central Italy.

9.30 9 **ROSEMARY CLOONEY SHOW** (30 mins.)

7 **MEET THE PRESS** (30 mins.) Top Melbourne journalists quiz a prominent personality.

2 **WHY READ THE BIBLE?** (30 mins.) Discussion.

10.0 9 **DR. CHRISTIAN** (30 mins.) Dr. Christian is anxious for depressed expectant mother.

7 **NOUGHTS AND CROSSES** (30 mins.)

10.30 9 **NEWS—WEATHER** (15 mins.) Roland Strong, Prof. Browne's study.

7 **NEWS—WEATHER** (15 mins.)

10.45 9 **JOHN CASSON'S EPILOGUE** (5 mins.)

7 **SPOTLIGHT ON FAITH** (30 mins.)

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Television Tonight

9.30-ROSEMARY CLOONEY SHOW

TELEVISION MONDAY

12.30 2 **DEMONSTRATION FILM** (30 mins.)

3.30 2 **LIFE WITH ELIZABETH** (30 mins.) Elizabeth and Alvin at a murder-mystery night; fleeced by a car mechanic; arguing about the use of a sling shot.

5.0 2 **CHILDREN'S TV CLUB** (30 mins.) Gina, the Muddle-Headed Wombat; TV Art Gallery, Ship-building.

5.15 9 **TARAX HAPPY SHOW** (60 mins.) Happy Hammond, Ron Blaskett and Gerry Gee.

7 **YOUNG SEVEN** (45 mins.) Don Bennetts.

6.0 7 **MICKEY MOUSE CLUB** (45 mins.) Newsreel, Mouseketeers, serial, cartoon.

6.15 9 **BANJO CLUB SHOW** (25 mins.)

6.40 9 **NEWS—WEATHER** (20 mins.) Eric Pearce, Prof. Browne's study.

6.45 7 **CHEF PRESENTS** (8 mins.) Willie Koeppen.

6.53 7 **NEWS—WEATHER** (7 mins.)

7.0 9 **ROY ROGERS** (60 mins.) "Red River Valley." A bunch of criminals try to prevent completion of the valley dam, so that they can force the ranchers into bankruptcy.

7 **ANNIE OAKLEY** (30 mins.)

2 **NEWS—WEATHER** (25 mins.)

7.25 2 **STARTIME** (5 mins.) Top entertainer.

7.30 7 **DISNEYLAND** (60 mins.)

2 **SCIENCE FICTION THEATRE** (30 mins.) An assistant geologist discovers transparent rock encasing a giant spider. He noted Nature's secret process for making petroleum.

8.0 9 **STEVE ALLEN SHOW** (50 mins.) America's top comedian, Steve Allen, with Ginger Rogers, The Hi-Lo's, Harlem Globe Trotters and Lou Costello.

2 **ON SAFARI** (30 mins.) A kill by two male lions brings white rhinoceros in Zululand; the colorful people of a Pondo village.

8.30 7 **I LOVE LUCY** (30 mins.)

2 **FABIAN OF SCOTLAND YARD** (30 mins.) A raincoat and a vague eye-witness are Inspector Fabian's only clues to a solution of "Murder in Soho"

9.0 9 **DRAGNET** (30 mins.) "The Big Cast." A string of murders is cleared up when a suspect confesses to how he beat up the men, then stole their cars.

7 **WHITEHALL PLAYHOUSE** (30 mins.)

2 **SCIENTISTS IN THE ANTARCTIC** (15 mins.)

9.15 2 **PEOPLE** (15 mins.) Interesting personalities.

9.30 9 **IN MELBOURNE TONIGHT** (90 mins.) Graham Kennedy, Geoff Corke, Val Ruff, then **NEWS, EPILOGUE.**

7 **VICTORY AT SEA** (30 mins.)

2 **MUSIC ROOM** (20 mins.) William Laird.

9.50 2 **PIPELINE** (20 mins.) Laying of a 500-mile long pipeline from West Texas and New Mexico to Illinois.

10.0 7 **FEATURE FILM** (60 mins.) To be announced.

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Television Tonight

8.00—STEVE ALLEN SHOW

TELEVISION TUESDAY

3.30 2 **WOMAN'S WORLD** (30 mins.) Joy Wren.

4.0 2 **ANDY PANDY** (15 mins.) Boy puppet.

5.0 2 **LASSIE** (30 mins.) Famous collie dog in "Blind Soldier."

5.15 9 **TARAX HAPPY SHOW** (60 mins.) Happy Hammond, Ron Blaskett and Gerry Gee.

2 **YOUNG SEVEN** (54 mins.) For children. Don Bennetts.

6.9 7 **MICKEY MOUSE CLUB** (44 mins.) Mouseketeers, serial, cartoon.

6.15 9 **SUPERMAN** (30 mins.) "5 Minutes To Doom." Clark Kent and Lois get the story of a murderer's last few hours.

6.45 9 **NEWS—WEATHER** (15 mins.) Eric Pearce, Prof. Browne's study.

6.53 7 **NEWS—WEATHER** (7 mins.)

7.0 9 **CISCO KID** (25 mins.) Unexpected adventure when Cisco receives a strange message asking for help.

7 **OXFORD SHOW** (15 mins.) Live musical.

2 **NEWS—WEATHER** (25 mins.)

7.15 7 **CHEF PRESENTS** (15 mins.) Willie Koeppen.

7.25 9 **UNIVERSAL SPOTLIGHT** (5 mins.) Experts discuss finance and advice on investing your money.

2 **TV TROUBADOUR** (5 mins.) Chris Christensen sings and plays his zither.

7.30 9 **BURNS & ALLEN** (30 mins.) "Elopement Escapade." George Burns, Gracie Allen.

7 **JET JACKSON** (27 mins.)

2 **FIND THE LINK** (30 mins.) Panel trys to guess the connecting link between pairs of contestants.

7.57 7 **WHAT IS IT?** (3-min. Quiz)

8.0 9 **IT PAYS TO BE FUNNY** (30 mins.) Bob Dyer.

7 **FATHER KNOWS BEST** (30 mins.) Robert Young.

2 **I SPY** (30 mins.) "Bits and Pieces." Beautiful spy uses charms to coax information from Russian officers.

8.30 9 **HIGHWAY PATROL** (30 mins.) Broderick Crawford, as Dan Matthews, Highway Patrol Chief. How a traffic violation ticket leads to the discovery of a brutal murder.

7 **FOUR STAR PLAYHOUSE** (30 mins.)

2 **SPORTS PAGE** (30 mins.) Joe Brown, Ray McDonald, Franz Stampfl, Percy Taylor. Highlights of interstate athletic meetings at Olympic Park, December 7.

9.0 9 **TOMBSTONE TERRITORY** (30 mins.) Pat Conway as Sheriff in a rustler-corrupted territory. Factual, from the files of Tombstone papers.

7 **OUR MISS BROOKS** (30 mins.) Eve Arden.

2 **HALFWAY HOUSE** (90 mins.) Glynis Johns, Mervyn Johns, Tom Walls, Francoise Rosay. A group of people come together in "the Halfway House," a tiny inn in the heart of the Welsh mountains, in search of peace after the horrors of war.

9.30 9 **IN MELBOURNE TONIGHT** (90 mins.) Graham Kennedy, Geoff Corke, Lee Gallagher, then **NEWS, EPILOGUE**

7 **I'VE GOT A SECRET** (30 mins.) Panel uncovers visitors' secrets.

10.0 7 **LATE SHOW** (60 mins.) Bert Newton, Jimmy Parkinson, Lou Toppano's Band.

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Television Tonight

9.30—IN MELBOURNE TONIGHT

TELEVISION WEDNESDAY

12.30 2 **DEMONSTRATION FILM** (30 mins.)

1.0 9 **HAPPY GO LUCKY SHOW** (60 mins.) Happy Hammond with quizzes.

2.30 7 **HOME, Jean Bowring, Home Decorator, Beautiful Girl** (Bambi Shmith's), **Shopping Guide** (Brenda Marshall), **Health & Happiness** (Beryl Wright) —(90 mins.)

3.30 2 **LIBERACE** (30 mins.) Sings and plays modern and classical numbers.

4.0 2 **KINDERGARTEN PLAYTIME** (15 mins.) The Flowerpot Men—Bill and Ben, live in flowerpots at the bottom of the garden and entertain very young viewers with acrobats.

5.0 2 **CHILDREN'S TV CLUB** (30 mins.) Puppet films, "Lotus Blossom, "Engineering Company."

5.15 9 **TARAX HAPPY SHOW** (60 mins.) Happy Hammond, Ron Blaskett, Gerry Gee.

7 **YOUNG SEVEN** (53 mins.) For children. Don Bennetts.

6.8 7 **MICKEY MOUSE CLUB** (45 mins.) Newsreel, Mouseketeers, serial, cartoon.

6.15 9 **ROCKY JONES, SPACERANGER** (25 mins.) "Rocky's Odyssey." Rocky in the Orbit Jet.

6.40 9 **NEWS—WEATHER** (20 mins.) Eric Pearce, Prof. Browne's study.

6.53 7 **NEWS—WEATHER** (7 mins.)

7.0 9 **FURY** (30 mins.) Joey and wonder horse "Fury."

7 **TAKE THAT** (15 mins.) Hilarious schoolroom with Philip Stainton (master), Irene Hewitt, Frank Rich, Keith Eden and Joff Ellen (students).

2 **NEWS—WEATHER** (25 mins.)

7.15 7 **TEENAGE MAILBAG** (15 mins.) Ernie Sigley, Gaynor Bunning, Heather Horwood sing requests.

7.25 2 **STARTIME** (5 mins.) Top Entertainers.

7.30 9 **STORIES OF THE CENTURY** (25 mins.) "Ben Thompson." Baby-faced gunman-gambler Ben Thompson starts the biggest prairie fire ever known in Texas.

7 **RIN TIN TIN** (30 mins.)

2 **LIFE OF RILEY** (30 mins.) William Bendix, "Circus Comes to Town."

7.55 9 **SHOPPING GUIDE** (5 mins.)

8.0 9 **WYATT EARP** (60 mins.) Wyatt Earp, the Western Marshall, had one of the greatest reputations in the Old West as a fearless and relentless law maker.

7 **KRAFT TV THEATRE** (30 mins.) Drama.

2 **O. HENRY PLAYHOUSE** (30 mins.) "Girl." Mr. Hartley lives in a large suburban home with his charming wife. He has every reason for happiness, but is morose and secretive. Suddenly he announces that he has found another woman.

8.30 7 **CHESEBROUGH PONDS PLAYHOUSE** (30 mins.)

2 **GUIDED MISSILES** (30 mins.) Latest on guided missiles.

9.0 9 **DR. HUDSON'S SECRET JOURNAL** (30 mins.) "Love In White Shoes." A young scatterbrained nurse becomes the despair of the entire hospital with her emotional problems.

7 **STAIRWAY TO STARS** (30 mins.) Artists make their TV debut before Geoff McComas.

2 **DANCES OF THE SOUTH PACIFIC** (20 mins.) Tahitian dances.

9.20 2 **VOICES UNDER THE SEA** (10 mins.) The difficulties of deep sea cable servicing.

9.30 9 **IN MELBOURNE TONIGHT** (90 mins.) Graham Kennedy, Geoff Corke, Lee Gallagher's Orch; then **NEWS, EPILOGUE.**

7 **WINDOW OF THE WEEK** (15 mins.) Brenda Marshall shows things that can be bought around the city.

2 **PANORAMA** (30 mins.) Corinne Kerby. "Send it by Post." How letters were carried and delivered centuries ago and present-day methods.

9.45 7 **LATE SHOW** (60 mins.) Bert Newton, Lou Toppano.

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Television Tonight

1.00—HAPPY GO LUCKY SHOW

TV-Radio WEEK . . . Teletype News

DIANE.—Diane Cilento, glamorous star of stage and screen, now holidaying in her home country, has been booked by the A.B.C., and will play "a modern witch" in John van Druten's play, "Bell, Book and Candle," to be heard from 3AR's Sunday Playbill this Sunday at 8 p.m. Funny—Miss Cilento has herself been described by an enthusiastic critic as "a captivating witch."

THAT MAN !—Jack Davey will do a big tour with his show unit early in the New Year. "Pope Show" and "Ampol Show" will be produced in both Perth and Adelaide, and these with "Give It A Go" and "Dulux Show" will also have Melbourne presentations.

BIG CRICKET.—3AR broadcasts summaries of the big cricket in South Africa (Australia v. Eastern Provinces) on Saturday, and Tuesday at 7 a.m., and on Sunday at 8 a.m. Regionals get the same broadcasts at 6.25 a.m. Saturday, 8.39 a.m. Sunday, and 7 a.m. Tuesday.

300 CHILDREN SING.—3DB's Christmas Night show will include a choir of 300 children from 14 institutional homes. Baritone Charles Skase is also on the programme.

THRILLER.—Watch for 3AW's big U.S. thriller feature, "Dick Diamond, Detective," starring Dick Powell. It has been booked for airing of a Friday night, but date for first broadcast not yet set.

SHOW BUSINESS.—Luisillo and his Spanish Theatre, a top Spanish dance company is booked to begin a season at the Comedy Theatre on March 21. Judy Holliday's Broadway musical hit, "The Bells Are Ringing," is likely to be produced in Melbourne next year.

TV-Radio WEEK . . . Teletype News

WAX MUSEUM.—Next Tuesday at 8 p.m., 3KZ will present a new programme, "Wax Museum," which features famous artists of the past whose works are indelibly inscribed on record.

AUSSIE FIRST.—Television's first All-Australian show, written and acted by Australians, is "Take That," Geoff Underhill's comedy series on HSV-7 (Wednesdays at 7 p.m.). Looks as if it is in for a long run.

BING.—At 8.30 p.m. next Thursday, 3KZ begins "Bing Sings," a new show for fans of evergreen Bing Crosby.

TROTS AGAIN.—Trotting will be on television again on Saturday night with a direct telecast from the Showgrounds through Channel 9, beginning at 9.30. Between races there will be performances by pop-vocalists Bob Horsfall, Jack Bowkett, Susan Gay Anderson, and 1957 Swallow's Parade finalist Diane Trask. Well-known choreographist Lisa Brionda will direct the Channel 9 ballet.

BALLAD.—Australian author D'Arcy Niland ("The Shiralee") has written a romantic song about a bushranger called "The Ballad of Starlight." The song is in the style of the folklore of the 1880's. You will probably hear it on A.B.C. programmes soon.

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A LETTER FROM GERRY GEE

Hullo Boys and Girls,

Well what-do-you-know? They've asked little Gerry to write for a magazine! I wanted to write a mystery story—but Ron Blaskett said, "Just write—it will be a mystery, anyway." He's just jealous 'cos he knows that I'm going to be one of the greatest germalists of all time. I learned to write stories from a correspondence school. I played truant from the school quite a few times. Ron Blaskett says "that's silly, you can't play truant from a correspondence school," but I managed it by sending in blank envelopes.

It's going to be lovely writing to you all each week. I'll be able to get at so many of you, who can't get at me. No! That doesn't sound right—what I mean is I'll be able to give you all the news that I don't have time to give you on TV. (Isn't TV wonderful—now you can see what static looks like?)

Now the news. First about my cobber Skinny Jones. Skinny, as many of you will know, has a rock pool at the bottom of his garden. In this rock pool we keep our yabbies. Well, poor old Skin forgot all about the pool when he came home late from the pictures the other night. He came in the back gate and, plonk, right into the pool. Well, when poor old Skin finally spluttered his way out of the water, he was covered with yabbies—all the yabbie mums and dads, and quite a few "nippers," too, had hold of poor Skin. He didn't think it was funny when I told him he was the best bait I'd ever seen for catching yabbies!

The second bit of news is about Miss Kananiwacker, my school teacher. She asked me where Magna Carta was signed, and I said, "Please, teacher, at the bottom." She said, "Gerry, you should know better than that"—but I don't know how I'm expected to know all about the things that happened before I was even born.

And speaking of Miss K. reminds me of something I want to say to you all. Are there any boys and girls from other countries at your school? I guess there are quite a few. Now I do hope you will be nice to these boys and girls. I know they speak a little differently and perhaps act a little differently from us. But remember, if you went to their country you'd be a square peg in a round hole, too! So please, make cobbers of them and help them to feel that Australia is the best country in the world and that Australian boys and girls are the friendliest.

If any of you would like to write me a letter I would be very happy to receive one from you. Each week I will pick out the best letter and print it in this column. Wouldn't that be great to see your letter in print? Well, get busy now and write a letter to Gerry Gee, c/o GTV-9, 22 Bendigo Street, Richmond.

We are getting ready for our wonderful Christmas pantomime which we are going to present in the Tarax Happy Show on Channel 9. This is called Princess Joybelle—and wait till you get a look at the corker Princess who will be going for me in a big way. Oooh, it'll be excruciating! Well, cheerio till next week, and remember the old saying—people in stone houses shouldn't throw glasses.

Your little pal, that's me. GERRY GEE.

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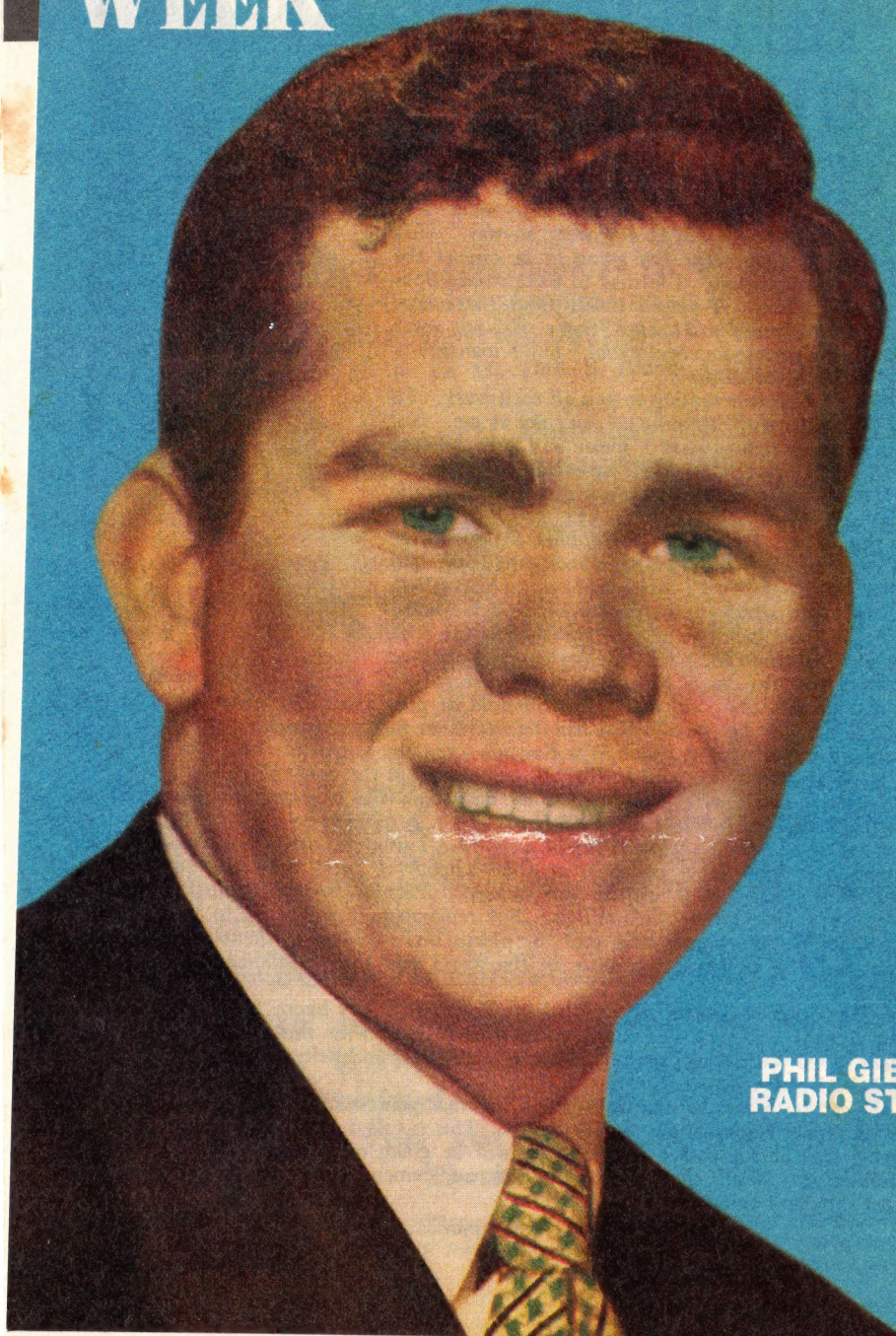

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